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§23.779 Motion and effect of cockpit controls.

Cockpit controls must be designed so that they operate in accordance with the following movement and actuation: (a) Aerodynamic controls:

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(1) Primary con-

trols:

Aileron Right (clockwise) for right wing down.

Elevator Rearward for nose up.
Rudder Right pedal forward for nose right.

(2) Secondary controls:

Flaps (or auxiliary lift devices). Forward or up for flaps up or auxiliary device stowed; rearward or down for flaps down or auxiliary device deployed.

Trim tabs (or equivalent). Switch motion or mechanical rotation of control to produce similar rotation of the airplane about an axis parallel to the axis control. Axis of roll trim control may be displaced to accommodate comfortable actuation by the pilot. For single-engine airplanes, direction of pilot's hand movement must be in the same sense as airplane response for rudder trim if only a portion of a rotational element is accessible.

(b) Powerplant and auxiliary controls:

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(1) Powerplant controls:

Power (thrust) Forward to increase forward thrust and rearlever. ward to increase rearward thrust.

Propellers ... Forward to increase rpm. Mixture Forward or upward for

rich.
Fuel Forward for open.
Carburetor, air heat cold.

or alternate air.

Super- Forward or upward for low charger. blower.

Turbosuperchargers. Forward, upward, or clockwise to increase pressure.

Rotary con- Clockwise from off to full trols. on.

(2) Auxiliary controls:

Fuel tank Right for right tanks, left selector. for left tanks.

Landing gear. Down to extend.

Speed Aft to extend. brakes.

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§23.781 Cockpit control knob shape.

(a) Flap and landing gear control knobs must conform to the general shapes (but not necessarily the exact sizes or specific proportions) in the following figure: